Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



California Natives: Update on Involvement in the MLPA Initiative

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Background

- Limited tribal input in developing Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)
- Need to improve tribal involvement in the MLPA Initiative
 - Central Coast
 - North Central Coast





South Coast Tribal Planning

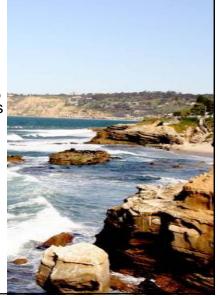
- Development of MLPA South Coast Tribal Steering Committee
 - Staff, outside advisors, tribal representatives
- Changed expectations of what was meaningful tribal involvement
 - Moved from collecting data to information exchange





Development of Tribal Forums

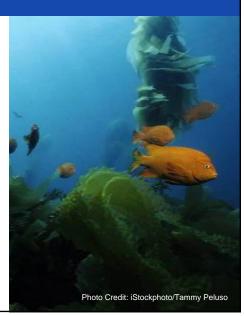
- Pre-forum outreach
 - Identified key questions
 - Collaboration between DFG, State Lands and State Parks
- Objectives of forums
 - Two main objectives
 - 1.Share and discuss MLPA Initiative information
 - 2.Encourage tribal planning & capacity building





MLPA South Coast Tribal Forums

- Participation
 - -Approx. 20 individuals
 - Representatives from all south coast tribes
- Organic process
- Key elements
 - Lots of time for discussion
 - Caucusing of California Natives
 - MarineMap training





Key Issues Raised

- Insufficient tribal consideration and involvement in MLPA
 - Not acknowledged within the MLPA, the goals, the designations, or the regulatory language
- Recognition of parallel process needed to achieve all interests
- Strong interest in having access to scientific data
- Confidentiality what information appropriate to share?





Key Outcomes for South Coast

- Establishment of Intertribal Work Group
 - Intention to provide input through future engagement in the MLPA process
 - Feedback on Rounds 1-3 arrays/proposals
 - Develop individual MPA options
 - Need to go back to tribes for additional input





Other Key Outcomes

- Key documents
 - FAQ
 - State Parks policy
- Development of relationships
 - Amongst California Natives
 - Between California Natives and the state (Department of Fish and Game, State Parks, State Lands Commission)
 - Laying foundation for north coast study region





Next Steps for South Coast

- Intertribal Work Group
 - Coordinated meetings and outreach to give feedback during Round 1
 - List server
 - MarineMap accounts
- Request for real-time interaction with I-Team at strategic points; requires additional discussion
- Continued tribal outreach throughout south coast
- Final report





- Assess south coast tribal engagement to inform preparation for north coast
- MLPA Initiative Master Plan
 - Idea to create appendix focused on involvement of California Natives
- Begin building relationships with California Natives in north coast

